



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 6, 2005, another week without measurable precipitation allowed harvest to continue ahead of last year and average, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Lack of bin space is still a producer concern, and in some cases has caused final harvest to slow until more storage space becomes available. Some producers were turning their attention to fall tillage.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 1 degree to 9 degrees above normal. Unseasonably warm temperatures and lack of precipitation has drawn down soil moisture levels in many central and southern counties.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2005

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	15	12	10	16
Short	35	26	27	33
Adequate	50	62	63	49
Surplus	0	0	0	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	23	20	32	38
Short	35	33	33	35
Adequate	42	47	35	27
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.9	6.7	5.6	4.8

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed to 88 percent complete, ahead of last year at 71 and average at 82. Harvest progressed rapidly in the Panhandle counties.

Sorghum harvest moved to 93 percent, ahead of last year at 73 and the average at 86.

Emergence of the wheat crop was at 98 percent, near last year and average at 99. Conditions were rated as 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 59 good, and 4 excellent. This is above last year and average.

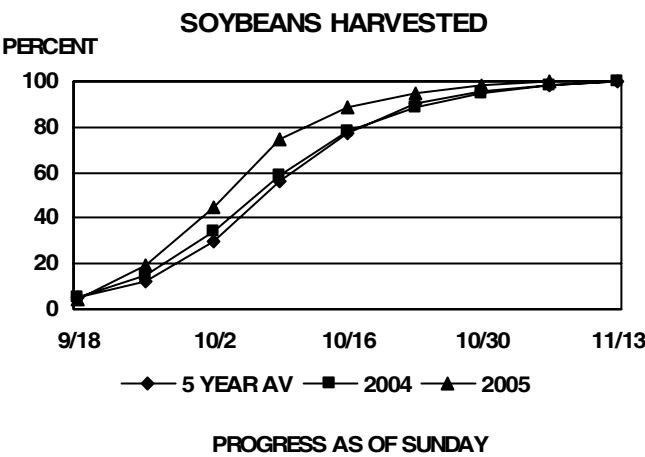
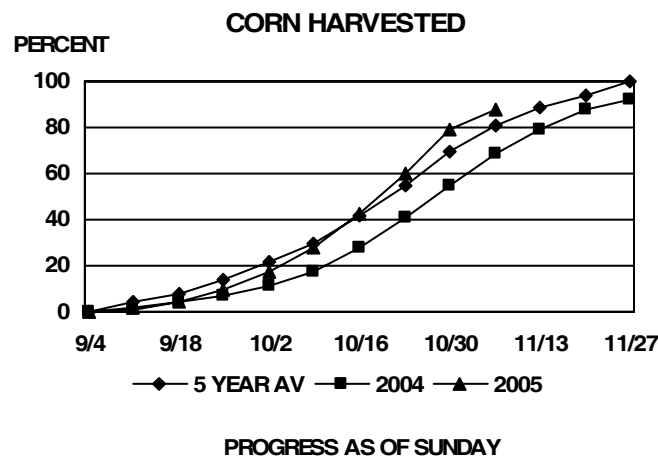
Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2005

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	88	79	71	82
Sorghum Harvested	93	82	73	86
Wheat Emerged	98	96	99	99

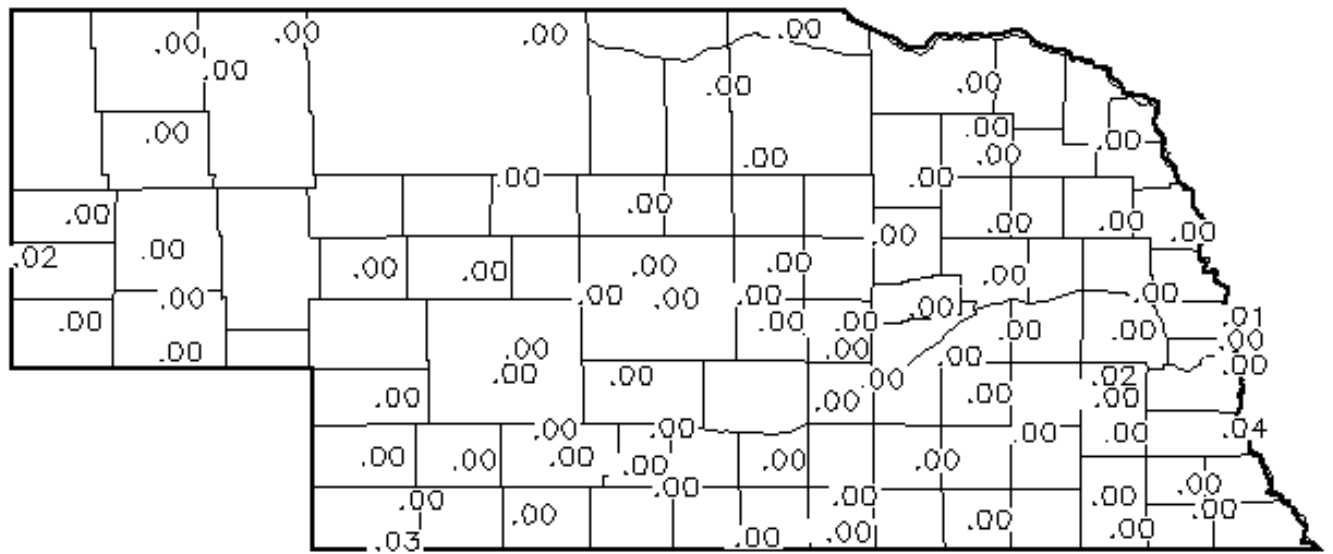
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2005

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	2	6	29	59	4

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 6, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 6, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	18.17	22.92	23.10	19.51	19.70	17.40	17.42	21.33
Normal since April 1	14.01	18.11	21.35	19.91	23.52	16.81	19.70	24.73
Total as % of normal	130%	127%	109%	97%	84%	104%	88%	86%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2005

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	73	23	46	+5
	Scottsbluff	77	22	47	+6
	Sidney	77	25	48	+6
NC	Ainsworth	82	22	47	+4
	Arthur	82	25	48	+6
	O'Neill	84	23	46	+4
NE	Concord	77	24	45	+1
	Elgin	81	26	47	+3
	West Point	81	23	46	+1
C	Grand Island	80	21	48	+5
	Lexington	81	25	49	+6
	Ord	86	21	47	+4
EC	Lincoln	81	31	50	+5
	Central City	80	21	46	+3
	Mead	81	28	49	+3
SW	Champion	82	18	46	+4
	North Platte	81	21	48	+5
	Curtis	79	22	48	+6
SC	Smithfield	79	24	49	+6
	Minden	78	21	48	+5
	Red Cloud	78	25	51	+7
SE	Beatrice	79	26	50	+4
	Clay Center	78	22	48	+4
	Nemaha	81	34	55	+9

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office